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31 December 13, 4 p.m.

Anna Louise Strong (Anna Louise Shubin, name acquired by common law marriage) executed satisfactory affidavit to explain loss of passport. Request authorization to issue passport. Stcor.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 1299. Moscow, U.S.S.R., January 29, 1926.

Subject: Question of whether a State of Matrimony Exists between Anna Louise Strong and Joel Shubin for Passport Amendment Purposes.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's instruction of December 18, 1935 (File No. 130 - Strong, Anna Louise), stating that if, as it would appear from the statements contained in Anna Louise Strong's affidavit on Form No. 213, she considers herself to be the wife of Joel Shubin and is so considered by the authorities of the Soviet Union, the Department is of the opinion that a state of matrimony exists between her and Mr. Shubin and that if so, her passport should

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should be amended to show her married name.

The Embassy has been advised that Anna Louise Strong is now in the United States, having sailed from Hamburg December 15, 1935, aboard the S. S. MANHATTAN.

With regard to that portion of the Department's instruction, above-mentioned, as to whether the Soviet authorities consider that a state of matrimony exists between Anna Louise Strong and Joel Shubin, it appears that there are two methods whereby a marriage may be officially recognized, namely, by registration of the marriage at any office of the Bureau of Records of Acts of Civil Status, or by recognition of the marriage by a court of law. Pertinent extracts from the Code of Laws Concerning Marriage, the Family and Guardianship (Official Edition, 1933, edited by V. Ouskov) concerning these two methods, are as follows:

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" Article 2. The registration of a marriage at the organs of the recording of entries of the civil state shall be indisputable proof of the existence of the marriage."

" Article 3. Persons between whom conjugal relations in fact exist although the same have not been duly registered are entitled at any time to formally regularize their marriage by way of registration and stating the time of actual cohabitation."

" Article 12. The court shall consider evidence of marital cohabitation if the marriage has not been registered....."

In an endeavor to ascertain whether the marriage of Anna Louise Strong and Joel Shubin has been registered, the Embassy, prior to the receipt of the Department's instruction of December 18, 1935, informally investigated the matter through the Central Office of the

Moscow Oblast Bureau of Records of Acts of Civil Status, which organization reported that no record of the registration of the marriage could be found in any of the ten district offices in Moscow of the Bureau of Records of Acts of Civil Status. Therefore, unless information concerning this marriage was deliberately withheld, it would appear that Anna Louise Strong and Joel Shubin have not formally regularized their relationship by registering it. A note is now being addressed to the People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs requesting information in the premises.

That Anna Louise Strong considers that a state of matrimony exists between her and Joel Shubin there is no doubt, as she so stated in her passport application of December 13, 1934, and her affidavit on Form No.213 of December 15, 1934. However, since her marital status appears not to have been specifically recognized by the local authorities, instructions are respectfully requested as to whether the Department, in view of the foregoing, considers the circumstances sufficient to opine that a state of matrimony exists between Anna Louise Strong and Mr. Shubin for the purpose of amending her American passport to show her married name.

In the event that the Department decides affirmatively, and in the event that the Department does not amend Anna Louise Strong's passport while she is in the United States, the Embassy will take measures to do

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so when and if she returns to this country.

Respectfully yours,

For the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim:

A. I. Ward
Chief of Consular Section.

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